



Public Hearing
Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report
July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

City of Somerville, MA
Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone
**Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community
Development**

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Thursday, January 14, 2021
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Executive Director



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Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview of the CAPER
- Summary of Draft CAPER Conclusions
- Public Comments



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Overview of Programs Funded

- **CDBG Funds** can be used in a flexible manner for economic development, improvements to parks and open space, needed public services, and affordable housing projects and programs.
- **HOME Investment Partnership Funds** can be used to further affordable housing programs and projects.
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds** are to be used to support shelters, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing programs for homeless and those at risk of homelessness.



Action Plan Goals and Objectives

- **Stabilize and Revitalize Diverse Neighborhoods** – this objective includes neighborhood infrastructure, parks and open space, and economic development projects aimed at targeted low to moderate income areas within the city.
- **Preserve and Maintain Existing Affordable Housing** – this objective includes both CDBG and HOME funding for targeting affordable housing activities including homeowner rehab, energy system replacement, homebuyer assistance, tenant based rental assistance, and special projects.
- **Family Stabilization and Job Readiness** – this objective mainly supports public services agencies in providing family economic stabilization activities mainly through CDBG funding.
- **Ending and Reducing Homelessness** – this objective will utilize mainly ESG funds to target efforts to reduce and end homelessness.



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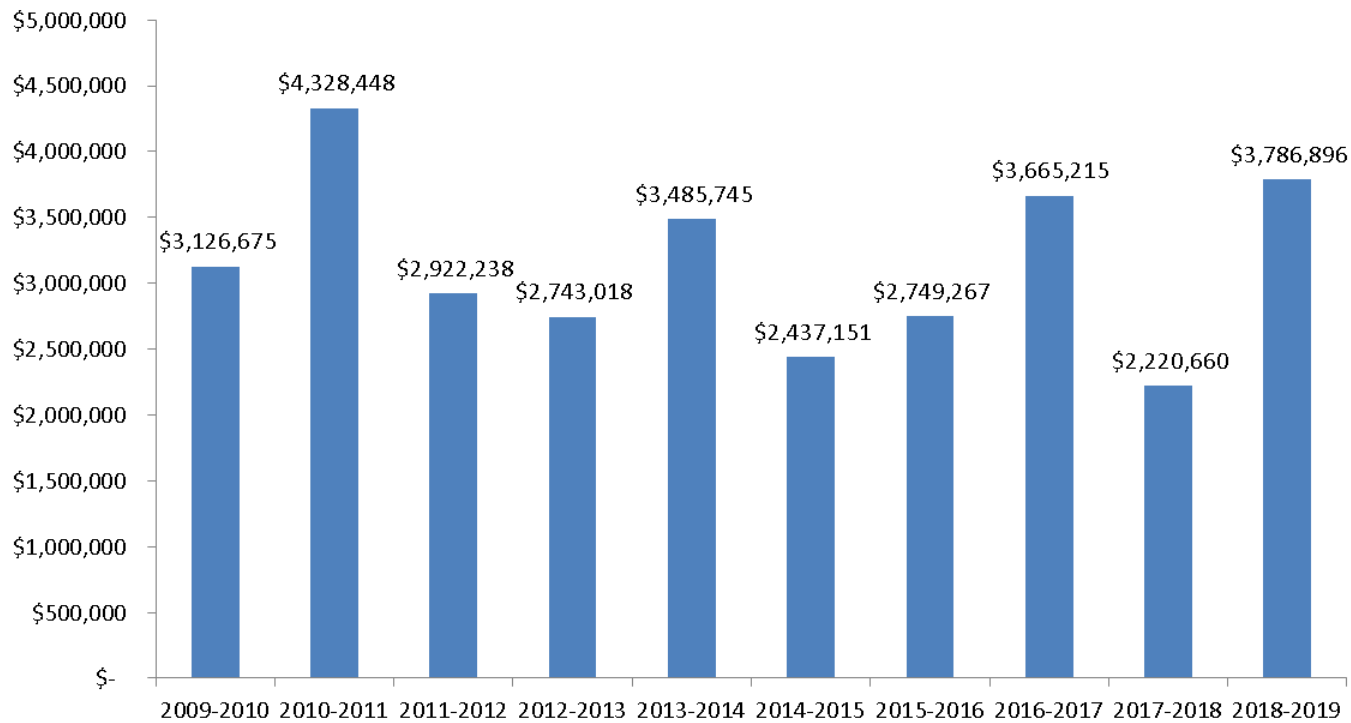
Overview of the CAPER

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) provides annual performance reporting. The CAPER, in conjunction with the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), fulfills statutory and regulatory program reporting requirements and provides the City of Somerville and HUD with the necessary information to assess the overall program performance and accomplishments against planned goals and objectives.



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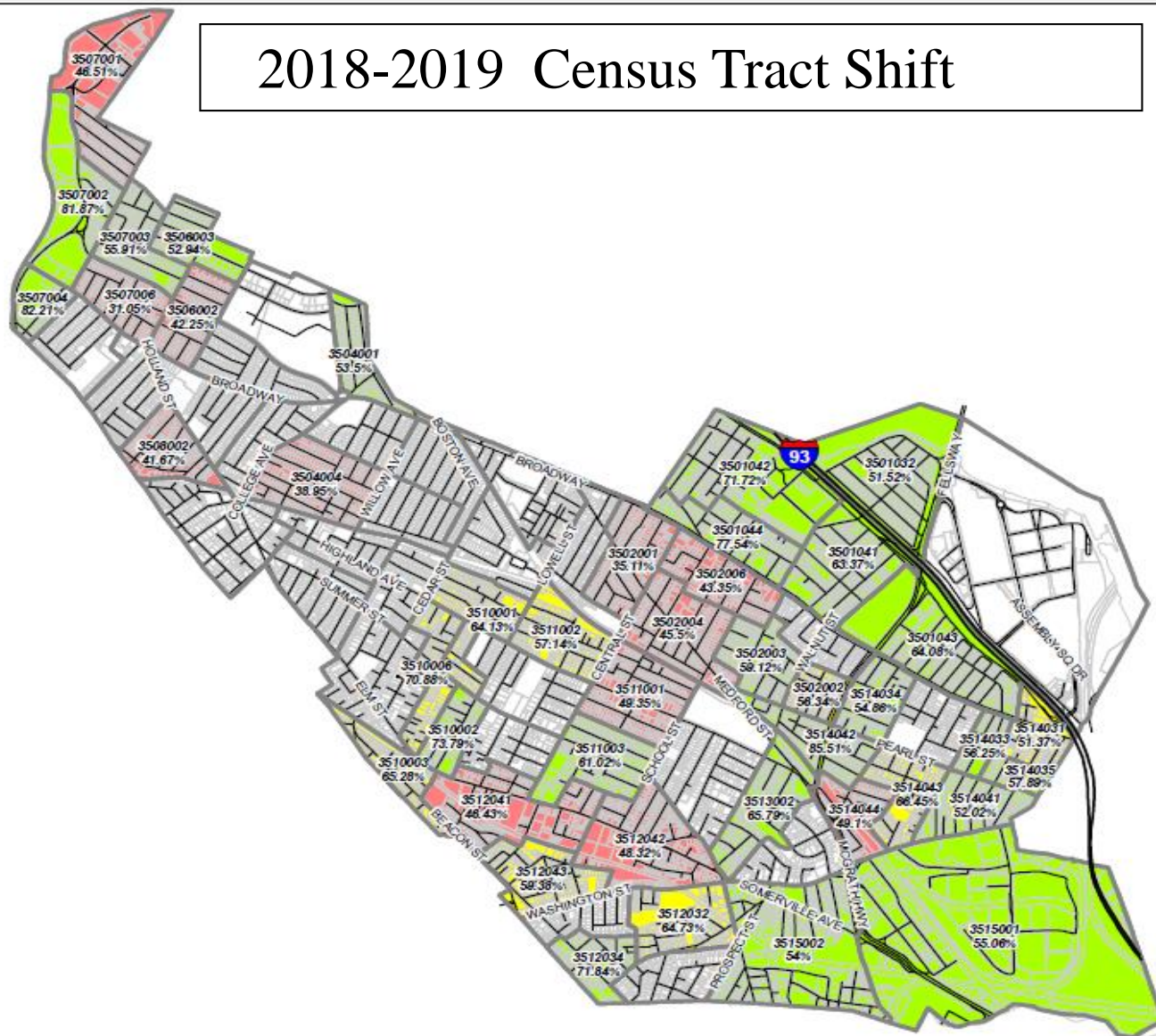
City of Somerville Fiscal Year Comparison HUD CDBG Expenditures 2009-2019





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2018-2019 Census Tract Shift



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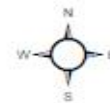
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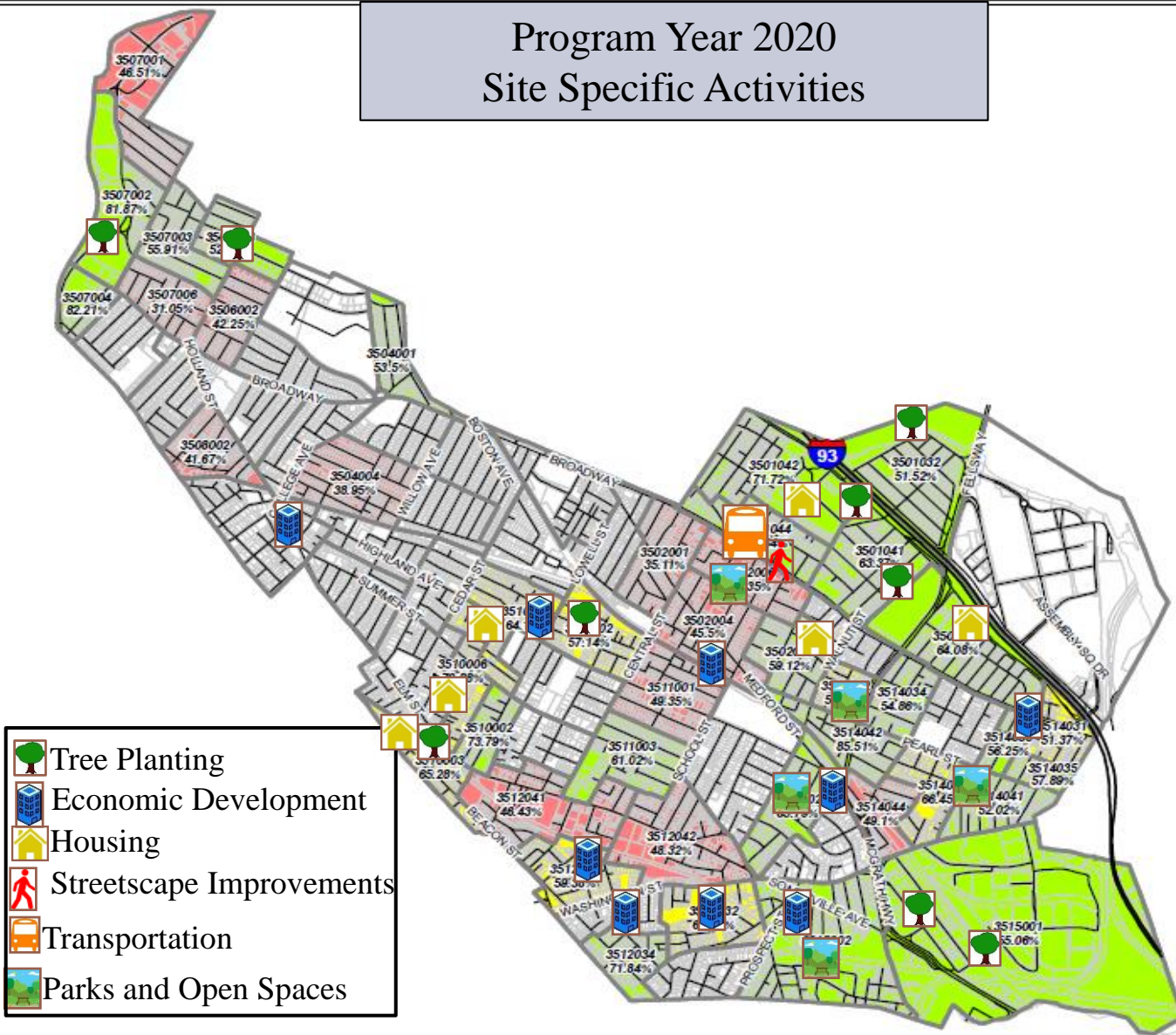
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Program Year 2020 Site Specific Activities



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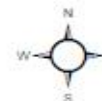
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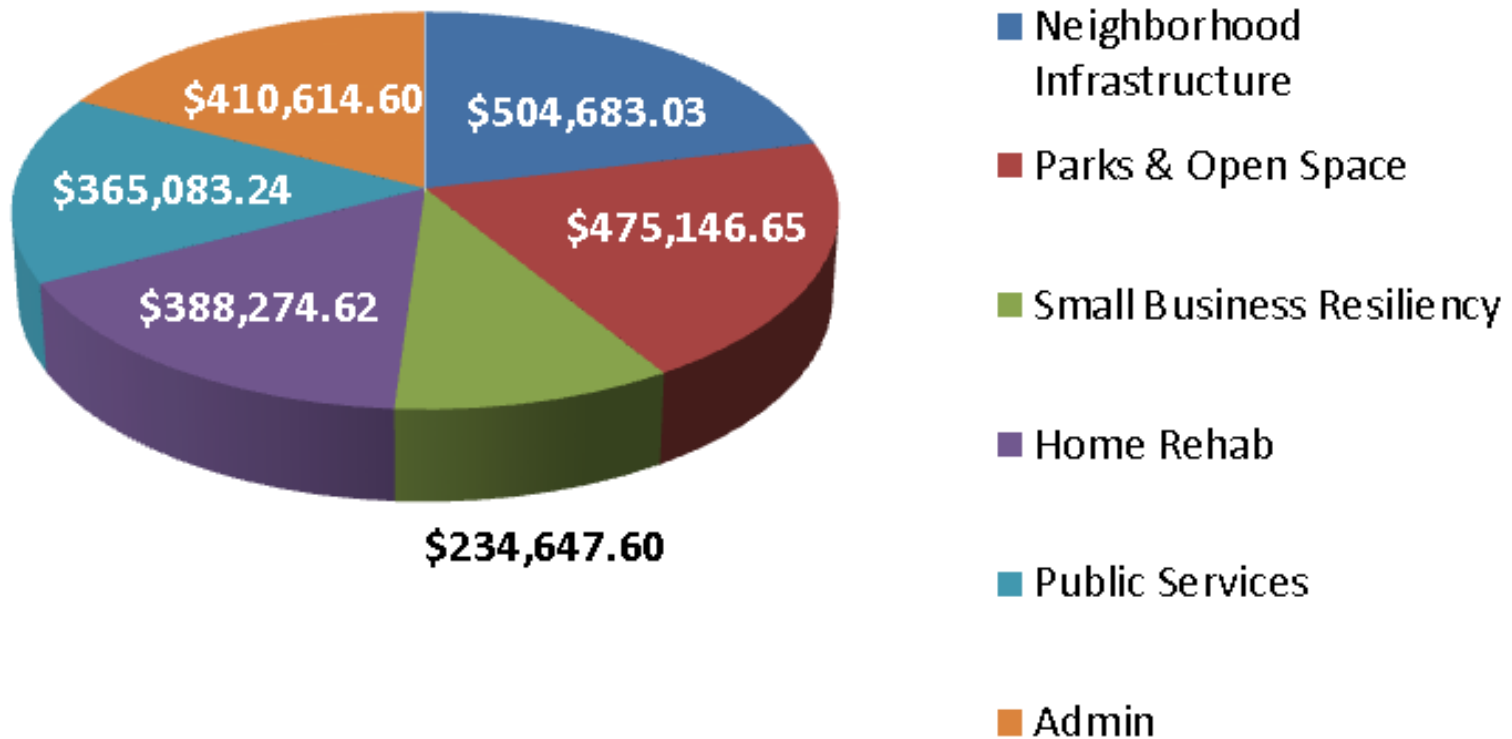
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City Of Somerville 2019-2020 CDBG Expenditures





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Assessment of Goals & Objectives

Economic Development

- **Union Square Main Streets** – Drives commercial and economic development through active community collaboration in the Union Square Area. During the assessment period USMS provided direct technical assistance to 7 micro-business enterprises aimed at improving their current operations and navigating the changing economic environment of the district.
- **East Somerville Main Streets** – Drives commercial and economic development through active community collaboration and capacity building with businesses in the East Somerville Area. During the assessment period USMS provided direct technical assistance to 11 micro-business enterprises aimed at improving their current operations and preparing them for the changing economic development landscape of the district.
- **Small Business Resiliency Program** – Provides technical and financial assistance to microenterprises in a range of areas in order to assist with businesses impacted by GLX construction or in need of assistance to maintain operational viability. In program year 2019, approximately 15 business were assisted including business enrolled in the now terminated commercial property improvement program.



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Assessment of Goals & Objectives

Economic Development

Program Yr 19 Expenditures

| <u>Project</u> | <u>PY 19</u> <u>Expenditure</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Small Business Resiliency Program | \$62,791 |
| Union Square Main Streets | \$43,750 |
| East Somerville Main Streets | \$56,638 |
| Project Delivery Costs | \$71,468 |
| Total | \$234,647 |



Assessment of Goals & Objectives

Transportation & Infrastructure

- **Central Broadway Traffic Improvements** - This project began in the spring of 2019 and was completed in the summer/early fall. The project added new pavement markings, signage, and traffic signal retiming on Broadway between Magoun Square and McGrath Highway. From Magoun Square to Main Street, the new cross section will feature an uphill parking-protected bike lane and a downhill standard bike lane with parking against the curb. Between Main Street and McGrath Highway, there will be two travel lanes in each direction – one for motor vehicles and one for buses and bikes. Signal timing is being modified to better meet traffic demand, further reduce delay for buses, and improve pedestrian safety by implementing leading pedestrian intervals and protected crossing phases where possible.



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Assessment of Goals & Objectives
Transportation & Infrastructure

Program Yr 19 Expenditures

| <u>Project</u> | <u>PY 19 Expenditure</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Central Broadway Streetscape | \$496,846 |
| Streetscape Project Delivery Costs | \$7,837 |
| Total | \$504,683 |



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Assessment of Goals & Objectives

Parks & Open Space

- **Street Tree Planting** – Planted 71 trees throughout CDBG districts; increased urban tree canopy to improve quality of life. Additional 38 trees planted in Fall 2020.
- **Prospect Hill Park** – Construction substantially completed in Spring 2020. Grand opening in the summer of 2020.
- **Capuano and East Somerville** – Completed in the Summer of 2019.
- **Palmer Avenue** – Parcel was demolished and clear for future open space/community garden use adding 1,725 sq ft of open space.
- **Allen St. Playground and Community Garden** – Completed design and began construction at Allen St. Park.



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Assessment of Goals & Objectives *Parks & Open Space*

Program Yr 19 Expenditures

| <u>Project</u> | <u>PY 19 Expenditure</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Street Tree Planting | \$92,470 |
| Healey Playground | \$32,352 |
| East Somerville & Capuano Fields | \$120,550 |
| Allen St. Playground | \$135,367 |
| Palmer Avenue | \$46,540 |
| Parks Project Delivery Costs | \$47,867 |
| Total | \$475,147 |



Assessment of Goals & Objectives

Housing

- **Eligible uses of CDBG and HOME funds include:**
 - New Construction of Housing (HOME)
 - Housing Rehabilitation (CDBG) (HOME)
 - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (HOME)
 - Assistance to Homebuyers (HOME) (CDBG)
- **PY19 Funds**
 - \$558,738 of HOME and \$388,274 CDBG funds expended on housing programs and projects.



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Assessment of Goals & Objectives

Housing

| <u>Program Name</u> | <u>PY19 Expenditure</u> | <u>Accomplishments</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Housing Development | \$436,050 HOME | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18-20 Illinois – Completed acquisition, refinance and rehab of a multi-family property serving two (2) low-income households. |
| Housing Rehab | \$388,274 CDBG | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 units were rehabilitated• Additional 100 Homes program units in the pipeline including 16 units at 355 Broadway. |
| Homebuyer Assistance | \$15,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assisted 3 Households with closing cost assistance. |



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Assessment of Goals & Objectives

Public Services

Public Service and ESG programs were awarded to 15 Non-Profit agencies through 19 projects primarily to address:

- Family Stabilization and Job Readiness programs
- Prevention Programs to Help Reduce and End Homelessness

The following slides will detail how many low-income residents were served.



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Public Services

Summary of Services and Persons Served*

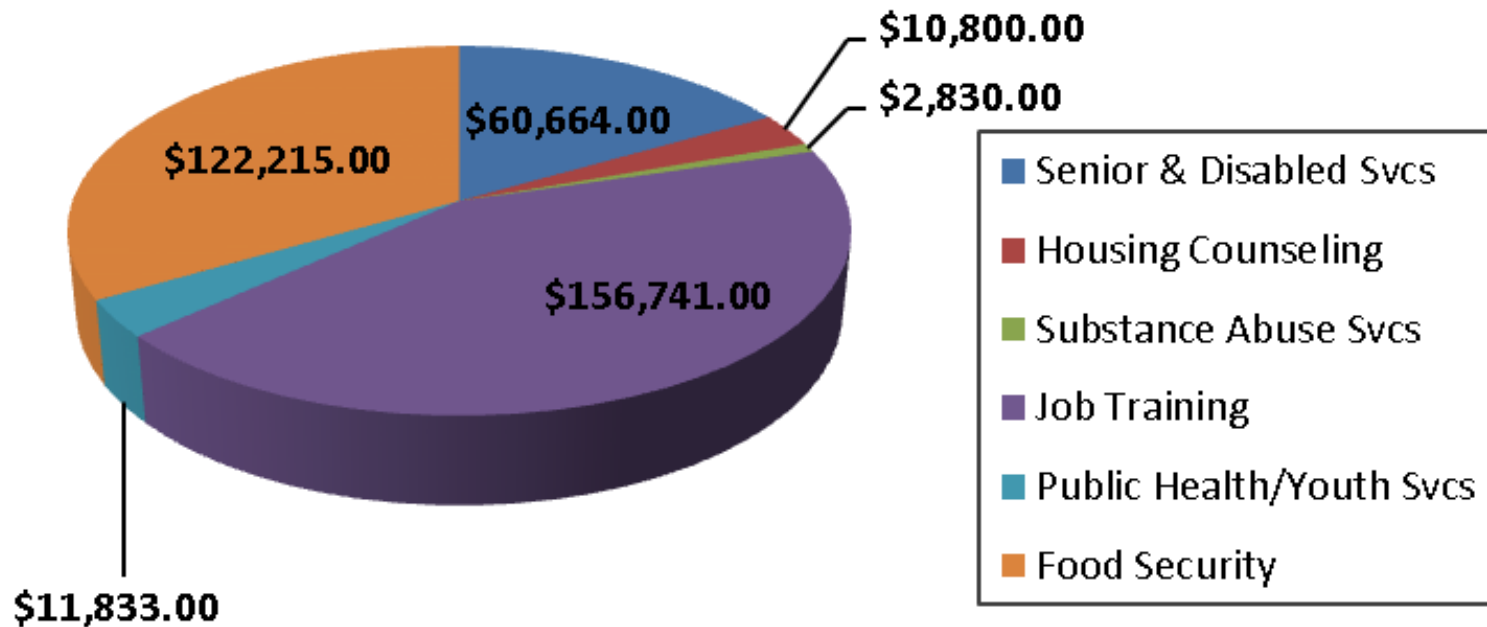
| Eligible Activity | People Assisted |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Senior & Handicapped Services | 680 |
| Housing Counseling | 58 |
| Substance Abuse Services | 63 |
| Battered & Abused Spouses | N/A |
| Employment Training | 561 |
| Health Services | 32 |
| Food Banks | 6,331 |
| Total | 7,725 |

*subject to confirmation of final data



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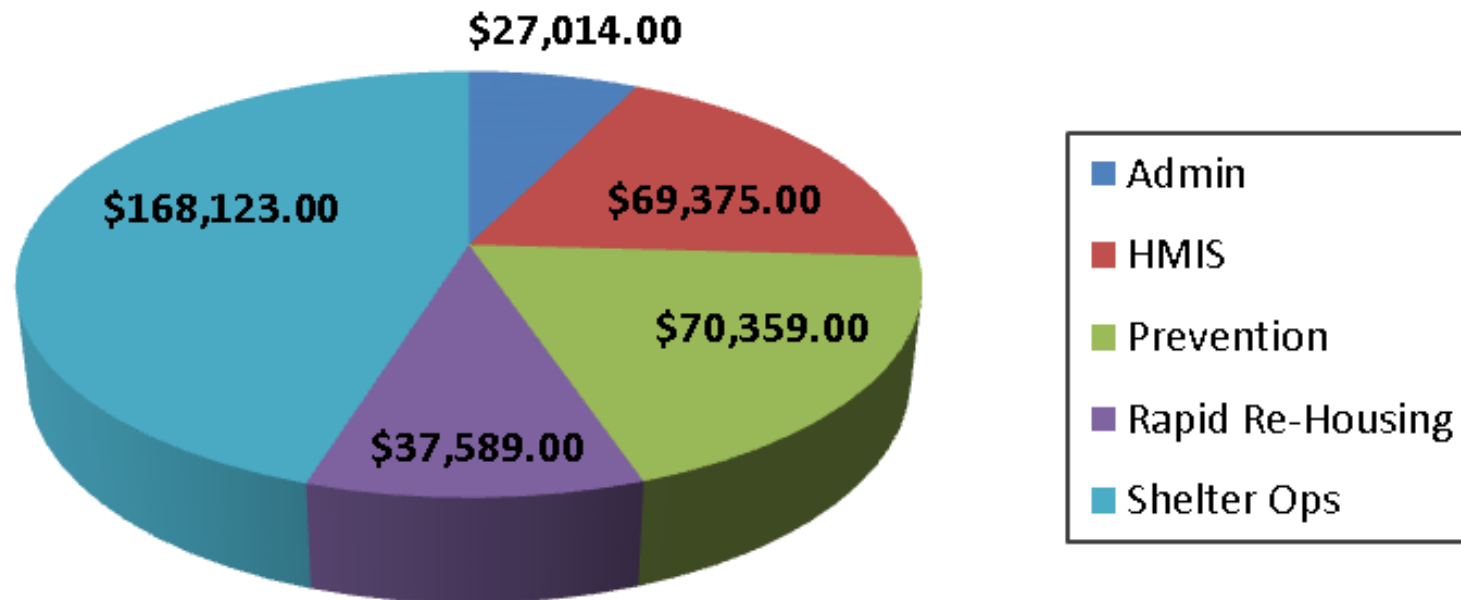
2019-2020 Public Services Expenditure Summary





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2019-2020 ESG Expenditure Summary





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Public Comments & Next Steps



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Public Comments & Questions

- Verbal: via the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report Public Hearings
- Via Email to: ospcd@somervillema.gov
- In writing to:
 - OSPCD Attn: Alan Inacio
 - 93 Highland Avenue
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- Visit the City's website more information at www.somervillema.gov
- Comments will be accepted through the end of the business day on January 28th, 2021.